

## Lake Michigan Coastal Program: Coastal Advisory Board

The Department of Natural Resources is seeking nominations for board members.

### Introduction:

The LMCP is guided by the Lake Michigan Coastal Program Document/Final Environmental Impact Statement (link to <http://www.in.gov/dnr/lakemich/program/index.html>) which was developed through a combined effort of federal, state, and local agencies, non-governmental organizations, and the public. The Program Document established the role for a stakeholders advisory group for the Coastal Grants Program.

The **Coastal Advisory Board** (CAB) performs several vital roles including:

- **Stakeholder Representation:** the CAB will provide a diverse perspective on coastal issues and a close connection between the LMCP and local communities and citizens.
- **Priority Setting:** the CAB will assist in setting priorities for the Coastal Grants Program through Board meetings, public meetings, and by recommending grant program guidance and project evaluation criteria. The CAB will also provide input on applications to the grants program.
- **Public Involvement:** the CAB will provide a forum for public input on the Coastal Grants Program through annual public meetings for comments on program guidance and through opportunities for public comment at quarterly CAB meetings.
- **Planning and Coordination:** the CAB will assist the LMCP with identifying and planning for Coastal Areas of Significance. Annually, the CAB will review and recommend nominations for Coastal Areas of Significance. These designations will be incorporated into annual priority setting for the Coastal Grants Program.

Membership is sought for the following stakeholder groups:

### Stakeholder Group

### # of Members

#### *Local Government and Citizens:*

Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission	1
County Commissioners (one from each county)	3
Cities and Towns (one from each county)	3
Citizens at Large	3

#### *Coastal Land Use:*

Agriculture	1
Industry and Business	1
Tourism	1
Port of Indiana at Burns Harbor	1
Lake dependent uses (commercial fishing, local ports, & marinas)	1

#### *Environmental Resources:*

Environment	1
Lake Michigan- aquatic resources	1
Local Parks and Recreation	1
Local Land Trusts or Land-holding Nature Conservancies	1
Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore	1

*Other:*

Universities	1
Historical Resources	1

*Non-voting members:*

Indiana Department of Environmental Management	1
Indiana Department of Transportation	1
Indiana Department of Commerce	1
Natural Resources Conservation Service	1
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service	1
Illinois-Indiana Sea Grant	1
U.S. EPA, Region 5	1
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers	1

The Coastal Advisory Board will consist of 22 voting members and 8 non-voting members. Nominees for voting board positions must live or work in Lake, Porter, or LaPorte Counties. Appointments will be made by the Director of the Indiana Department of Natural Resources. Some current Board members may be reappointed. The Director will make reappointments to the Board based upon past meeting attendance, contribution to the Board, and willingness to continue serving.

The Department of Natural Resources is requesting nominations for membership. For more information on the Coastal Advisory Board and the nomination process, please review <http://www.in.gov/dnr/lakemich/board/index.html> or contact the LMCP at [coastal@dnr.state.in.us](mailto:coastal@dnr.state.in.us)

**Information to be included with nominations for Coastal Advisory Board members:**

Name of stakeholder group for nomination  
Name of nominating organization or person  
Contact information for nominating organization or person and for the nominee  
Name of nominee  
Description of why nominee was selected for the stakeholder group (300 words or less)  
Resume for nominee - background and experience that best demonstrates reason for nomination

**Nominations should be submitted by March 11<sup>th</sup>, 2005 to:**

Indiana Department of Natural Resources  
Lake Michigan Coastal Program  
402 West Washington Street, Rm W265  
Indianapolis, IN 46204

**Coastal Advisory Board Structure:**

The Coastal Advisory Board (CAB) provides input on the implementation of the Coastal Grants Program including the following responsibilities:

- Develop annual grant program priority issues for the three grant categories that will be addressed by the Coastal Grants Program. The three categories established in the Lake Michigan Coastal

Program document are: 1) Coastal Natural Resources Protection and Restoration; 2) Coastal Community Enhancement and Sustainability; and 3) Emerging Issues.

- Hold an annual public meeting to collect input on the grant program priority issues developed by the advisory group.
- Consider public input and recommend grant program priority issues for inclusion in the annual grant proposal guidance document.
- Finalize and recommend criteria for review of applications.
- Provide comments on eligible applications, especially in regards to program priority issues.
- Annually review nominations for designations as Areas of Particular Concern or Areas for Preservation and Restoration and make recommendations for selection to the Department of Natural Resources.
- Participate in ad hoc committees as required

### **Member Selection and Procedures**

Voting members of the advisory group will be selected by the Director of the Department of Natural Resources from nominations. Non-voting members will be selected by the head of the designated agency. Members will serve a two (2) year term and are eligible for re-nomination. Vacancies in the membership will be filled by the Director or the designated agency. The Coastal Advisory Board will elect a chairperson, vice-chair and secretary from among its membership. A simple majority of the voting members is required to take action on any measure. Meetings of the group will be held quarterly, will be open to the public, and at least two (2) weeks notice will be made to the public for regular meeting times and locations. Special meetings may be held on call of the chairperson or majority of membership with seven (7) days written notice to group members.

### **Meeting Schedule and Location**

The first meeting for new appointments is currently scheduled for April 20, 2005 at 6:15 PM. The Coastal Advisory Board meets on a quarterly basis. Meetings are at 6:15 PM, last two hours, and are held on the third Wednesday of the month in April, July, October, and January. Special meetings can occur at any time, pending the call of the Chair or vote of the Board. However, these meetings typically occur on Wednesday evenings at the 6:15 PM time. Meetings rotate among the three Coastal Counties in succession from Lake to Porter to LaPorte County.